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Cycling Route

FBG 103

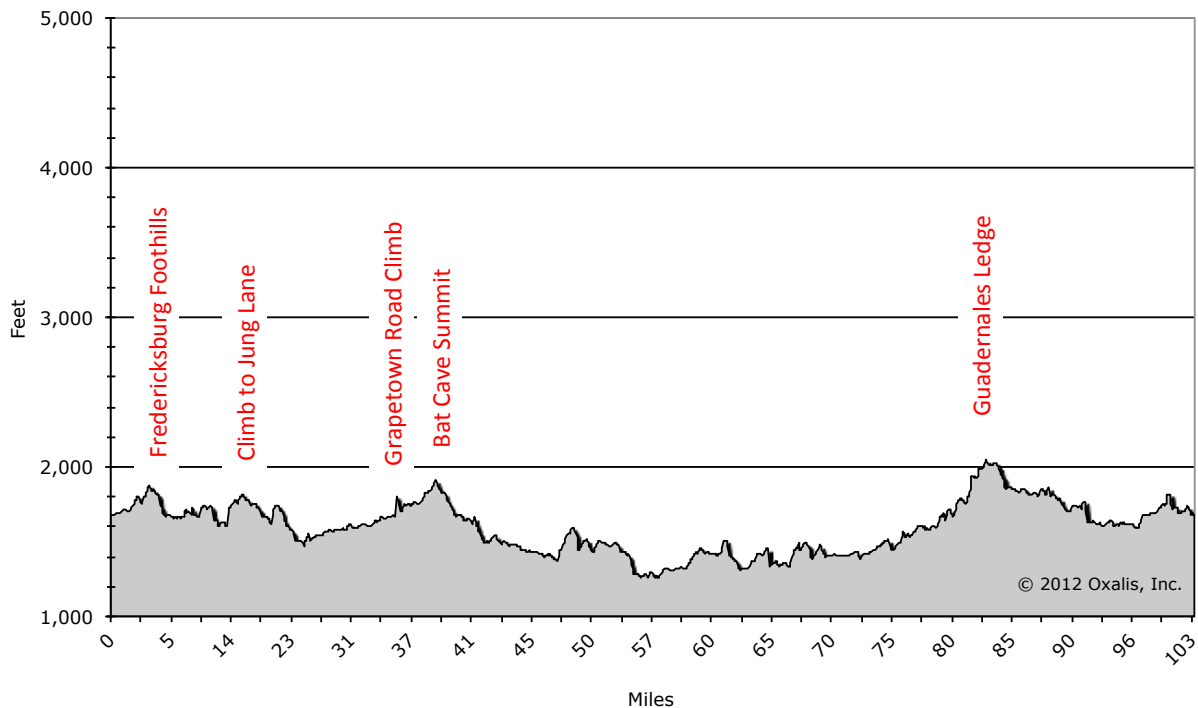
103 miles

Region: Fredericksburg, Texas

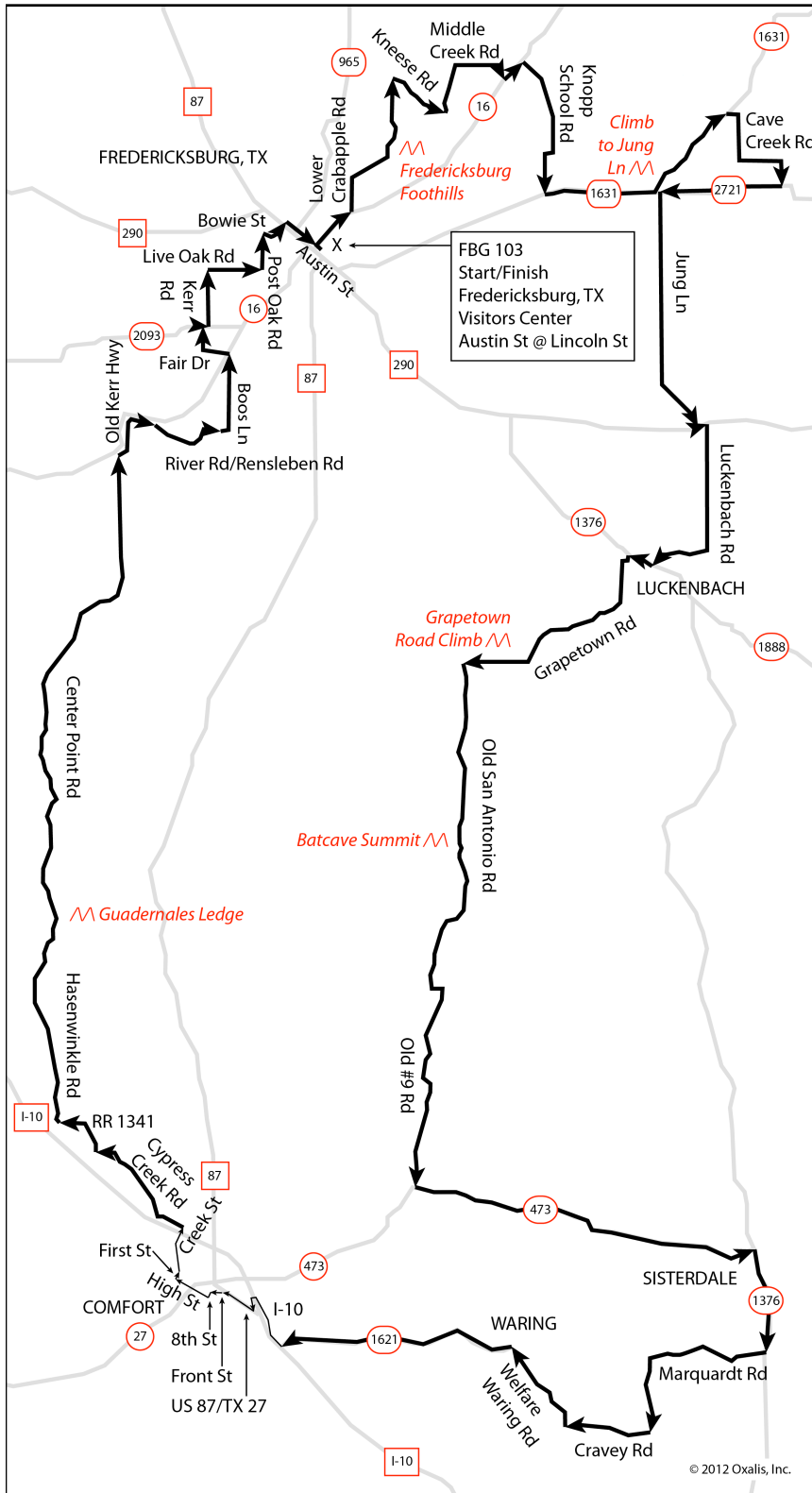
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Route Elevation Profile



Route Map: FBG 103



Emergency Numbers

Police/EMS: 830-997-7585
FBG Hospital: 830-997-4353
Fire: 830-997-8080
FBG Taxi: 830-997-8044

Route Instructions: FBG 103

#	Miles	Turn	Location	to Next
1	0.0 mi	Start	FBG Visitors Center	0.0 mi
2	0.0 mi	Go Straight (NW)	E Austin St	0.1 mi
3	0.1 mi	Turn Right (NE)	TX 16	1.0 mi
4	1.1 mi	Turn Left (N)	Lower Crabapple Rd	3.2 mi
5	4.4 mi	Turn Right (E)	Kneese Rd	1.4 mi
6	5.7 mi	Turn Left (N)	Middle Creek Rd	2.3 mi
7	8.1 mi	Turn Left (NE)	TX 16	0.5 mi
8	8.6 mi	Turn Right (SE)	Knopp School Rd	3.0 mi
9	11.6 mi	Turn Left (E)	RR 1631	2.2 mi
10	13.8 mi	Veer Left (NE)	RR 1631	2.2 mi
11	16.0 mi	Turn Right (E)	Cave Creek Rd	2.5 mi
12	18.5 mi	Turn Right (W)	RR 2721	2.5 mi
13	21.0 mi	Turn Left (S)	Jung Ln	5.0 mi
14	26.1 mi	Turn Left (E)	US 290	0.2 mi
15	26.3 mi	Turn Right (S)	Luckenbach Rd	3.9 mi
16	30.1 mi	Turn Right (NW)	RR 1376	0.5 mi
17	30.6 mi	Turn Left (SW)	Grape Creek Rd	4.7 mi
18	35.4 mi	Turn Left (S)	Old San Antonio Rd	11.7 mi
19	47.1 mi	Turn Left (E)	RR 473	7.3 mi
20	54.4 mi	Turn Right (S)	RR 1376	2.1 mi
21	56.5 mi	Turn Right (E)	Marquardt Rd	4.2 mi
22	60.7 mi	Turn Right (E)	Cravey Rd	2.0 mi
23	62.7 mi	Turn Right (N)	Waring Welfare Rd	2.1 mi

#	Miles	Turn	Location	to Next
24	64.8 mi	Turn Left (W)	RR 1621	5.0 mi
25	69.7 mi	Turn Right (NW)	I-10	1.2 mi
26	71.0 mi	Cross Under (W)	I-10	0.3 mi
27	71.3 mi	Turn Right (NW)	US 87-BR	0.7 mi
28	72.0 mi	Turn Left (W)	HWY 27/Lindner Ave	0.3 mi
29	72.3 mi	Turn Left (SW)	8th St	0.1 mi
30	72.4 mi	Turn Right (NW)	High St	0.8 mi
31	73.2 mi	Turn Right (N)	1st St/Front St	1.0 mi
32	74.2 mi	Turn Left (NW)	Creek Rd	0.6 mi
33	74.8 mi	Turn Left (NW)	Cypress Creek Rd	2.0 mi
34	76.8 mi	Turn Right (N)	RR 1341 (Cypress Creek Rd)	1.1 mi
35	78.0 mi	Turn Right (N)	Hasenwinkle Rd	8.8 mi
36	86.8 mi	Go Straight (N)	Centerpoint Rd	6.0 mi
37	92.8 mi	Turn Right (NE)	Old Kerr Hwy	1.4 mi
38	94.1 mi	Turn Right (S)	River Rd/Renbsleben Rd	1.6 mi
38	95.7 mi	Turn Left (N)	Boos Ln (over crossing)	1.8 mi
39	97.5 mi	Cross HWY (NW)	Fair Dr	0.9 mi
40	98.4 mi	Turn Right (E)	RR 2093	0.0 mi
41	98.4 mi	Turn Left (N)	Kerr Rd	1.2 mi
42	99.6 mi	Turn Right (E)	Live Oak St	1.1 mi
43	100.7 mi	Turn Left (N)	Post Oak Rd	0.7 mi
44	101.4 mi	Turn Right (SE)	Bowie St	0.6 mi
45	102.1 mi	Turn Right (SE)	Austin St	0.9 mi

#	Miles	Turn	Location	to Next
46	103.0 mi	Finish	FBG Visitors Center	0.0 mi

Safety

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Routes presented utilize public roads open to traffic; ride at your own risk and obey all traffic laws.

Always wear a helmet and utilize properly maintained equipment. Carry ample food and water. Carry tools. Carry a mobile phone in case of emergency.

Climactic conditions may change rapidly. Use common sense. Carefully walk bikes when crossing wet water crossings.

Ride Summary

More than just a “century”, this 103 mile route features rolling terrain, numerous climbs, and one remarkable grade near the top of the *Guadernales Ledge*. It also features substantially lightly trafficked roads.

FBG 103 visits many small Hill Country towns. These offer various commercial sustenance resources. The first two of these towns, Sisterdale and Waring, offer only limited food and drink options. While the third, Comfort, offers many. But be sure to refuel at one or more, because after leaving the town of Comfort cyclists pass no commercial resources until returning to Fredericksburg. Meanwhile, it is on this final stretch past Comfort that cyclists face the biggest climbing challenge of the route—*The Guadernales Ledge*. After surmounting that climb, however, cyclists benefit from what is mostly a downhill

grade while riding back to Fredericksburg. Where the road does go uphill on this stretch, find mostly mild inclines.

Riding *FBG 103*, cyclists face into the region’s prevailing southerly wind on the beginning stretch, and then benefit from this wind on their return. Be sure to check the forecast on your day of adventure. As for gearing, we advise use of triple chainrings for all but advanced riders; and for them we recommend an otherwise liberal 25- or 26-tooth maximum rear cog.

Points of Interest

Old Tunnel Bat Cave

The abandoned railroad tunnel on the line from San Antonio to Fredericksburg has been adopted by bats, whose spectacular dusk emergence during the summer draws many folks to this Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Area.

Sisterdale, Texas

Cyclists’ first best stop for commercial sustenance. Find a small general store here. Fuel up here if in doubt of your nutritional resources, because Waring’s store down the road may not be open early in the day.

Waring, Texas

This town punches well above its weight. Every Wednesday it hosts the very popular Steaknite (sic) music and dining event at the Waring General Store and dancehall.

Comfort, Texas

A neat little Hill Country town on the Guadalupe River, and not yet overly compromised by its location just off of I-10. Here, High’s Cafe and Store makes a great mid-point stop for coffee and more.

Hills of Interest

Fredericksburg Foothills

(Cat 4)—Nothing too steep or long about this climb but with so many miles and grades ahead this hill challenges cyclists to set and maintain a sustainable pace.

Climb to Jung Lane

(Cat 3)—This straight-ahead climb almost ends at the fork in the road but on this route cyclists face continued rollers as the road bends northward.

Grapetown Road Climb

(Cat 2)—A small bump and brief dip signal a steep ramp that climbs aggressively at first, but then gradually softens as riders approach the top.

Bat Cave Summit

(Cat 1)—Climbing over the abandoned railroad tunnel that now houses bats in the summer. From this direction, the sustained grade steepens gradually as cyclists approach the summit.

Guadernales Ledge

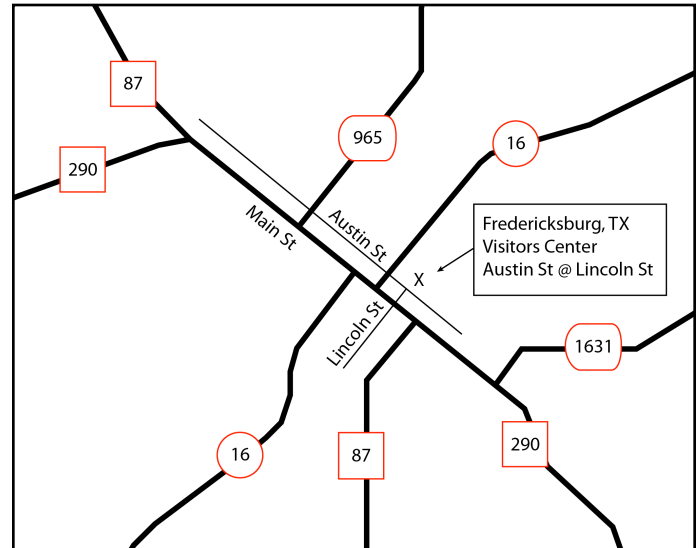
(Cat HC)—A very steep incline challenges cyclists climbing out of the Guadalupe river basin and over a large ridge into the Pedernales basin. From this summit onward the route declines, on a net basis at least.



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Start/Finish

This route begins and ends at the Fredericksburg, Texas Visitor Center. Find it at the corner of Austin Street and Lincoln Street, one block north of Main Street.



Fredericksburg Visitors Center location map

This departure location favors groups of gathering cyclists because it features off-street parking. When forming a group ride here, we recommend cyclists gather in the large parking lot located behind (north of) the Visitor Center (and Chamber of Commerce) office buildings. To minimize exposure to traffic, we discourage gathering in front of the facility on busy Austin Street.

The restrooms here usually open at 8 A.M. For more information visit the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com/>.

Road Maps

Print road maps corresponding to this route here:

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/countymapbook2006/Pages/371.pdf>

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/countymapbook2006/Pages/372.pdf>

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/countymapbook2006/Pages/373.pdf>

Eat & Drink

Fuel up before departing and carry ample hydration and energy resources. Distances between commercial establishments offering such may be vast. When cycling on hot days we recommend hydration packs for longer routes.

This long route visits several small towns providing commercial sustenance resources. Unfortunately, the last and most comprehensive of these comes at about half distance, with no resources available afterward. What is more, cyclists face a sizable climbing challenge on the final leg returning to Fredericksburg. **If not before, riders should eat, drink and stock up in Comfort, Texas for their return trek to Fredericksburg.** Before Comfort, look for commercial resources in the towns of Sisterdale and Waring.

Obstacles

Many obstacles—familiar and otherwise—dot Texas roads. Potential dangers include cars, cattle, cattle guards, deer, trucks, water crossings, and more. Stay vigilant and slow down.

Ride Friendly

We are all cycling ambassadors. Cyclists and motorists utilize our roads rightfully. Courtesy mitigates anger. Ride single file when vehicles approach from behind. Large groups should be extra vigilant to accommodate passing vehicles. Please educate inconsiderate cyclists—share the road.